Selection of Examiners.

111. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the principle on which Examinerships are distributed;

(b) whether the seniority of teachers is taken into consideration in the allotment of Examinership ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The selection of examiners depends upon scholarly attainments, efficiency, reliability, experience, etc.

(b) It is also considered among other things.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Now are these examiners selected and by whom?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They are selected by a Board of Examiners. A panel of members is prepared by the Board of which I myself am the President. Some names out of this penal are suggested.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Who prepares this penal of examiners?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far by myself as the Head of the Department and President of the Board, after consulting the Inspecting Officers and some of the Headmasters and so on. There is no definite procedure for preparing these penals so far.

Complaints regarding the Lower Secondary Scholarship Examination.

112. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there were complaints regarding the Lower Secondary scholarship examination in Arithmetic this year;

(b) whether the Education Department inquired about it;

(c) whether the answers were valued properly; and if so, how many actually received 60% marks, the minimum necessary for scholarship?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes; 15 pupils got 60% and above, and 55 more than 50%. The minimum necessary for scholarship has been reduced from 60% to 50%.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When was this minimum lowered from 60 to 50?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In November 1931 as a result of the resolution of the Headmasters' conference.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there a complaint that the paper set was much above the standard?

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